Philadelphia June 13. 1776

Dear Brother

I have the pleasure to acquaint you that the Congress have been pleased to Appoint you Deputy Pay Master General to the Continental Troops in the Eastern Department, with a Sallary of Fifty Dollars a Month, which I hope will prove agreeable to you, and I most earnestly Recommend to you a very close and strict Attention to the Business of your Office. The Departm't. to which your Office extends, takes in the Colony of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, & Connec't. the Continental Troops in all those places fall under your Care

I inclose you several Resolves of Congress respecting your Office, which I must direct that you closely Adhere to, and you are to obey all orders from General Washington, or the Commander in Chief for the time being in the Eastern Department.

You will apply to the Commanding Officer at Boston for a Centinel to be plac'd at the Door of your Office by Night & Day.

Be carefull to make your Monthly Returns regularly to me. By next Post I shall transmit you the Pay list.

Inclos'd you have your Commiss'n.

I wish you happy, and am,

Your hum. Serv't.

John Hancock Presid't

Eben Hancock Esq'r.
Dep'y Pay M'r Gen'l.

Inform the Command'g Officer in Boston of your appointm't.

The 150,000 Dollars mention'd in the Resolve is on its way under the Care of Mr. Sprigs, who will Deliver it to you

Send me a Rec't for the money.

John Hancock Esq'r.

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Letter Dated Philada
June 13th. 1776

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